JULIAN MERCER

PILOT

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

FAA Commercial Pilot with an Airline Transport Pilot written passed and 3,200 hours total time, including 1,900 in turbine jets. Flies regional airline operations with a clean safety record, strong CRM skills, and on-time performance above fleet average.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

First Officer Aug 2022 - Present
SkyWest Airlines, Salt Lake City, UT

- Fly the CRJ-700 and E175 on regional routes with about 85 block hours per month and zero safety events or reportable incidents.
- Brief and run checklists with captains on every leg, and helped maintain a flight's on-time departure rate near 90%.
- Handle weather diversions and gate holds with dispatch, completing 6 diversions without passenger injuries or damage.
- Review NOTAMs, weather, and MEL items with the captain before each departure, with no delays traced to missed items.
- Fly CAT II approaches and winter operations at mountain airports, completing each with a stabilized approach.
- Complete recurrent simulator checks on schedule with satisfactory results across every cycle.
- Serve as a line check volunteer and help new-hire first officers learn company procedures at the gate and in flight.

Flight Instructor Jan 2019 - Jul 2022
Utah Valley University Aviation, Provo, UT

- Logged 1,400 hours of dual instruction, preparing 32 students for private, instrument, and commercial checkrides.
- Wrote lesson plans for weather and airspace ground school, and the class average on the FAA knowledge test was 92%.
- Maintained a first-attempt checkride pass rate near 88% by using structured stage checks before every test.
- Taught crew resource management and risk assessment to students, with no accidents under my instruction.
- Scheduled students across a shared fleet of three trainers around maintenance windows, keeping weekly flight time on track for each one.
- Debriefed every lesson with written feedback so students could track weak maneuvers and improve checkride scores.

Charter Pilot Jun 2017 - Dec 2018
Jet Edge, Van Nuys, CA

- Flew Cessna Citation light jets on demand charters, completing 420 legs with passenger comfort ratings above 4.8 of 5.
- Planned fuel, weight and balance, and weather routing for each trip, keeping flights within company limits.
- Handled customer briefings and cabin preparation before every flight, with no complaint escalated to management.

Banner Tow and Survey Pilot Jan 2016 - May 2017
Aerial Banners of Southern California, Torrance, CA

- Flew 380 flight hours in Piper and Cessna aircraft towing advertising banners along the coast, with no incidents.
- Completed preflight inspections and weight and balance for every flight, maintaining accurate flight logs.

CORE SKILLS

Instrument flight rules | Crew resource management | Flight planning | Weather analysis | CRJ and E175 systems | Checklist discipline | Weight and balance | Crosswind and low-visibility operations | Simulator training | Dispatch coordination | Flight instruction | Aeronautical decision-making

EDUCATION

B.S. in Professional Aeronautics, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL

CERTIFICATIONS

FAA Commercial Pilot Certificate: Airplane Single and Multi-Engine, Instrument | FAA Certified Flight Instructor (CFI, CFII, MEI) | ATP Written Exam Passed | FAA First-Class Medical Certificate